सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० इब्राहीम): (क) और (ख) दूरदर्शन केन्द्र, राजकोट के अधिकारियों से प्राप्त 3 अभ्यावेदनों में से दो अधिकारियों को एक को दिसम्बर, 1994 में तथा दूसरे अधिकारी को अक्तूबर, 1996 में केन्द्र से स्थानांतरित किया गया है।

(ग) और (घ) यद्यपि अधिकारियों की तैनाती के मामले में एक सामान्य अवधि निर्धारित की गई है तथापि, यह आवश्यक नहीं है कि ऐसी अवधि पूरी होने के तत्काल बाद स्थानांतरण किया जाना चाहिए। "क" और "ख" श्रेणी के केन्द्रों में तैनात अराजपत्रित स्टाफ तथा समूह "ग" और "घ" से संबंधित स्टाफ का स्थानांतरण नैमी आधार पर नहीं बल्कि उनके स्वयं के अनुरोध पर अथवा प्रशासनिक कारणों से किया जाता है। इसलिए निर्धारित समय अवधि से अधिक तैनाती को कोई अपराध नहीं माना जाता है।

Problems of Resource Crunch and Foreign Exchange Volatility

480. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the economy experienced the problems of resource crunch and foreign exchange volatility recently;

(b) if so, what has been the impact of these problems on the economy;

(c) the factors responsible for these problems; and

(d) the details of steps taken to avoid resurgence of such problems in the future?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) In the recent period, *i.e.* during the financial year 1996-97 (up to end-October 1996), the economy has not experienced any resource crunch. There has also been no problem of volatility in the exchange rate of the rupee *vis-a-vis* U.S. dollar as it remained stable moving in the narrow range of Rs. 34.14 — Rs. 35.86 per U.S. dollar during 1996-97 so far (April—October 1996).

(b) to (d) The Reserve Bank keeps a close watch on monetary and credit developments, and the movements in the foreign exchange market monitoed on a regular basis. In case of problems, suitable policy initiatives are undertaken. As and where required, co-ordinated policy intervention in consultation with the Government, is resorted to.

Outstanding dues on Air India

481. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India owes aproximately Rs. 175 crores to its vendors like OIL, AAI, HP and HCI; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) As on October 31, 1996 Air India owes about Rs. 166 crores to its vendors as per details below:—

	Amount (Rs. in crores)
Indian Oil Corporation	74.00
Airports Authority of India	24.00
Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	48.00
Hotel Corporation of India Ltd.	20.00
TOTAL	166.00

WHO Assistance to Fight Kala-Azar

482. SHRI RAHAS BIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the appropriate number of people dying Every year due to Kala-azar;

(b) whether Government are saking the help of WHO to fight Kala-azar; and

(c) if so, the datails of the negotiations made and rasponse thereto of WHO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM